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Attorney Boffetti,

As a member of the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund, you understand the vital role that Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) plays in the recovery of many substance use abusers across the nation. New Hampshire's county correctional facilities have committed to providing MAT services to their residents as the majority are battling addiction to narcotics. County governments currently spend between \$1.5 - \$1.8 million a year of taxpayer funds on MAT services in New Hampshire.

I am writing you today, as President of the NH Counties Commissioners Council, to ask that the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund commit to support in full the MAT programs in the county correctional facilities. This investment would allow the county programs to grow and impact more residents and thus reducing the recidivism rate that counties currently experience. This would allow the counties to redirected funding to expand treatment opportunities for those inmates who are released into the community, which would include partnerships with local medical providers.

I would be happy to discuss this proposal with you further at your convience. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

George Maglaras
President
NHAC Commissioners Council